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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 23, 2004 wherein Claims 1-22 were rejected. Claims 1, 15, and 20 have been amended and Claims 1-22 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1-20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Ghoneim et al.

Applicants have amended the Claims 1, 15, and 20 to better describe the present invention. The claimed present invention in Claims 1 and 20 uses a combination of acceleration based slip control based on a least squares approximation and wheel speed difference slip control and arbitrates which control scheme to use. Claim 15 arbitrates between the speed based and acceleration based control based on a set of determined conditions. Ghoneim is completely silent with respect to these new limitations. Ghoneim does not teach or suggest the claimed present invention.

If the Examiner relies on personal knowledge that the apparatus of the present invention is obvious, Applicants respectfully request support for this assertion in the form of an affidavit that shall be subject to contradiction or explanation by the affidavits of the Applicants and other persons under 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2).

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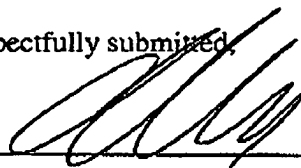
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Conclusion

The entire Final Office Action dated September 23, 2004 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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